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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Name **John E. Mercer et al**)

Serial No: **10/656,692**)

Filed: **September 4, 2003**)

For: **MAPPING TOOL FOR TRACKING AND/OR
GUIDING AN UNDERGROUND BORING TOOL**)

Examiner: **William P. Neuder**

Group Art Unit: **3672**

Att. Docket No.: **DCI-6D6**

Date: **January 7, 2005**

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Respectfully submitted,


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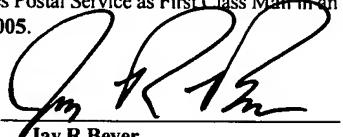


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Amendment A

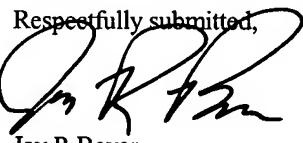
Dear Sir:

The following remarks are intended as a full and complete response to the outstanding Office Action dated (mailed) October 7, 2004.

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-10 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5 of U. S. Patent No. 6,640,907. Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer which overcomes this rejection. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been overcome and that the application is in condition for allowance. Hence, allowance of these claims and passage to issue of the application are solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this case, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mike Pritzkau at 303) 410-9254.

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